

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of Tak Kin Chu et al.

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BARRIER AND PROCESS FOR MAKING
SAME

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

The claims in this application are 15 - 21. Please cancel claims 1-14 and 22-28.

REMARKS

This preliminary amendment reduces the number of claims substantially from the number presented previously in the parent application, thereby simplifying the application.

Respectfully submitted.

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